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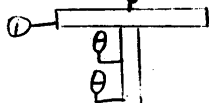
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sketch showing barriers on the Czechoslovak side of the border opposite Austrian border stone III/47 near the village of Unterwald, Upper Austria. The following is a legend to the sketch:

- A. About 80 to 100 meters before the barbed wire is a row of wooden posts, 70 to 80 centimeters high, topped with two metal hoops. The hoops are connected with a bare wire running from post to post. Lower down, about 10 to 15 cm. above the ground, is an insulator, through which an insulated wire runs from post to post. On each post a bare wire runs from the insulator up to the bare wire which is attached to hoops on top. This is apparently an alarm signal device.
- B. Beyond the above posts is a strip of young forest, the floor of which is strewn with a thick layer of dry branches about 20 to 30 cm. high. The sound made by a fugitive crossing the forest strip would be audible for some distance.
- P. Before the first wire barrier is a path used by the border patrols.
- W-H Between the first and second wire barriers runs a narrow path for use by guard personnel in servicing the electrified barrier wires. An electrified wire also runs along the tips of the cross pieces of the posts:



The higher barrier is about 2.20 meters tall; the lower one is about 1.20 meters tall.

- S. A plowed and raked strip about 10 meters broad.

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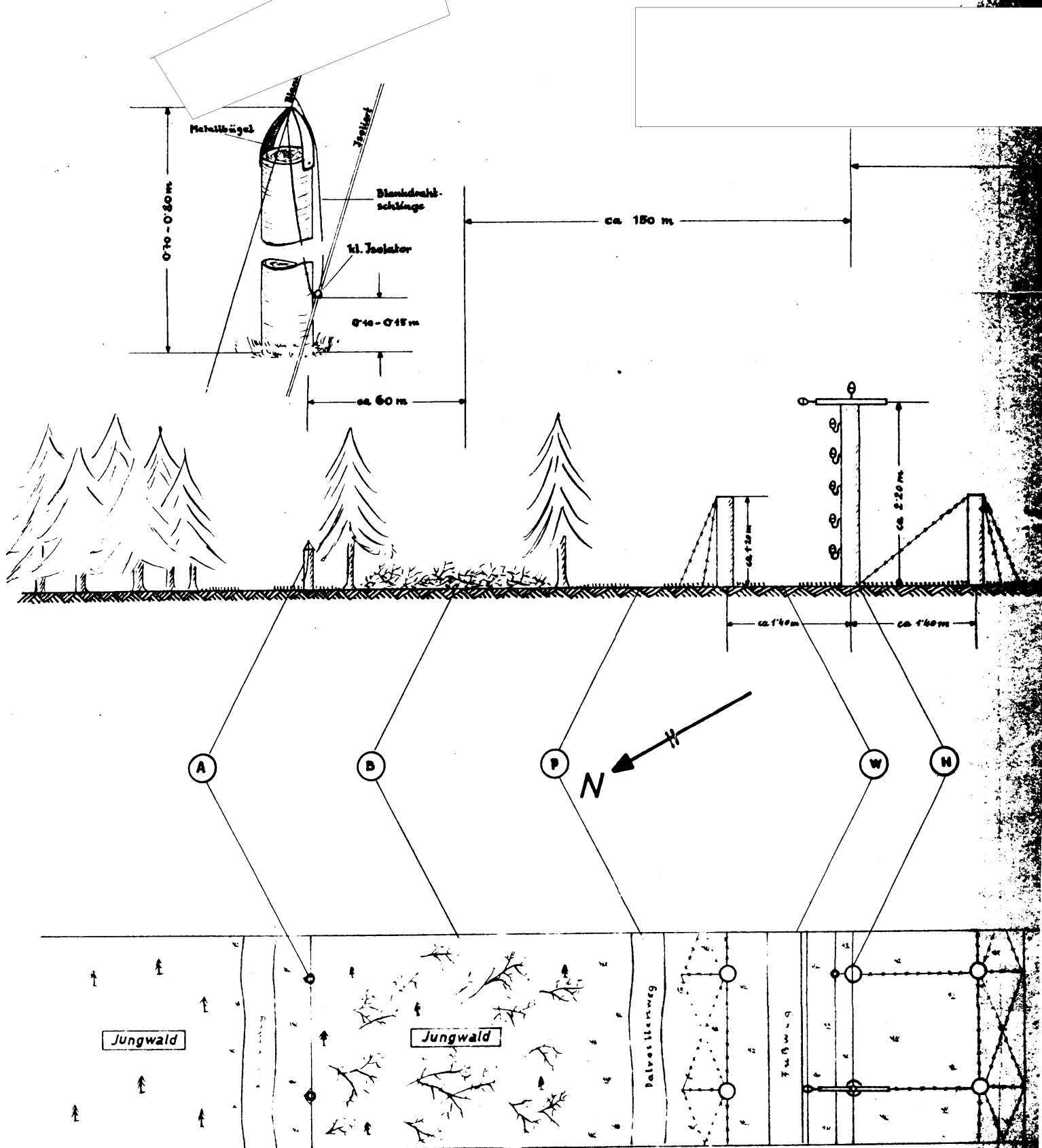
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- D. In the forest of tall trees directly along the frontier, barbed wire is strung from tree to tree to a height of about 70 cm.

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